

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Welcome to worship at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, where everybody belongs!

We are so glad you're here.

This service is live streamed on our YouTube channel.

**Children of all ages are welcome in worship.** We also have childcare available in our fellowship hall for children under 4 years old. Feel free to ask a greeter for help and directions.

Children in PreK through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to join our volunteers for **Children's Church downstairs** after the Word with Children and can be picked up after the conclusion of the service.

**All are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee hour and snacks.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Belonging @ SAPC** | We are excited that a number of families would like to consider becoming official members at Saint Andrew. We will be scheduling several "Community and Belonging" sessions to offer introductions to other members and some basic information about our community, programs, and what it means to be a member. If you are interested in participating or becoming a member, please fill out the poll by scanning the QR code below and letting us know your availability.

**Hope for Cynics: New Worship Series** | In a world where it is easy to feel "pre-disappointed" by the news, our neighbors, or even ourselves, how do we find a path back to genuine hope? **Starting April 12th**, we are embarking on a new series inspired by the research in Jamil Zaki's Hope for Cynics. Throughout this series, we will explore how "hopeful skepticism" allows us to open ourselves to new data and approach our lives like a holy experiment. We can't wait to see what this faith-filled experiment reveals!

**Save the Date for VBS - July 6-10th** | We will be transported to Snowball Mountain in the middle of summer as we set off on a VBS adventure together! VBS will be from 5:30-8:00pm with dinner included.

## CALENDAR

<b>April 5</b>	6:30 a	Easter Sunrise Prayer
	9:00 a	Youth Breakfast
	<b>10:00 a</b>	<b>EASTER WORSHIP</b>
<b>April 12</b>	11:15 a	Egg Hunt
	9:00 a	Dads with Donuts (Grades 6-12)
	<b>10:00 a</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>
	10:15 a	Children's Church (Pre-K – Grade 2) + Minis (Grade 3 – Grade 5)



Scan the QR code to access our LinkTree.

Here you'll find the link to give financially to St. Andrew. You will also find all the information you need as you engage with our community, including volunteer opportunities and links to sign up for our e-news and monthly newsletter.

"TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD" WORDS FOR WORSHIP WRITTEN BY REV. SARAH A. SPEED | A SANCTIFIED ART LLC | SANCTIFIEDART.ORG  
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# SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026

\* INDICATES TO STAND

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

"Reverberations"

ST. ANDREW RINGERS

One: Christ is Risen!

**All: He is Risen Indeed!**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

CALL TO WORSHIP

one: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

**All: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**

One: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

**All: But today, we know the good news is alive and well.**

One: The good news is dancing!

**All: The good news is on the loose!**

One: The good news is out in the world, calling your name!

**All: Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.**

One: Let us worship our good-news Christ.

\*HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. Travis Cottrell

*see insert and slides for lyrics*

INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION

MARK STAFFORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid," but we are afraid. And we don't know where to look. And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing. So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias." We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope for tomorrow, we pray, amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Join me in this good news declaration:

**All: Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed.**

**This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA – HYMN 582

Glory to God

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### HEARING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MARK STAFFORD

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, and for the Word of God within us...

**All: We give thanks to God.**

SERMON

Guts and Love

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

MARK STAFFORD

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.  
It sounds like welcome  
and feels like home.  
It sounds like laughter  
and feels like mercy.  
It sounds like love  
and feels like a seat at the table,  
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.  
I have seen it alive in the world.  
And even when my heart aches,  
even when wars rage,**

**even when mercy feels out of reach,  
I remember the one who  
welcomed the children  
and led with nonviolence.  
I remember the one who  
cared for the vulnerable  
and inspired those around him.  
I remember that the good news really is good  
news,  
for I have seen it alive in the world.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, AND OUR TALENTS

OFFERTORY

"Bells of Easter"

DIMITRY BORTNIANSKY

\*DOXOLOGY – HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

One: Friends, these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION IS SHARED

MUSIC

"No Greater Love"

CRAIG COURTNEY

PRAYER

### BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

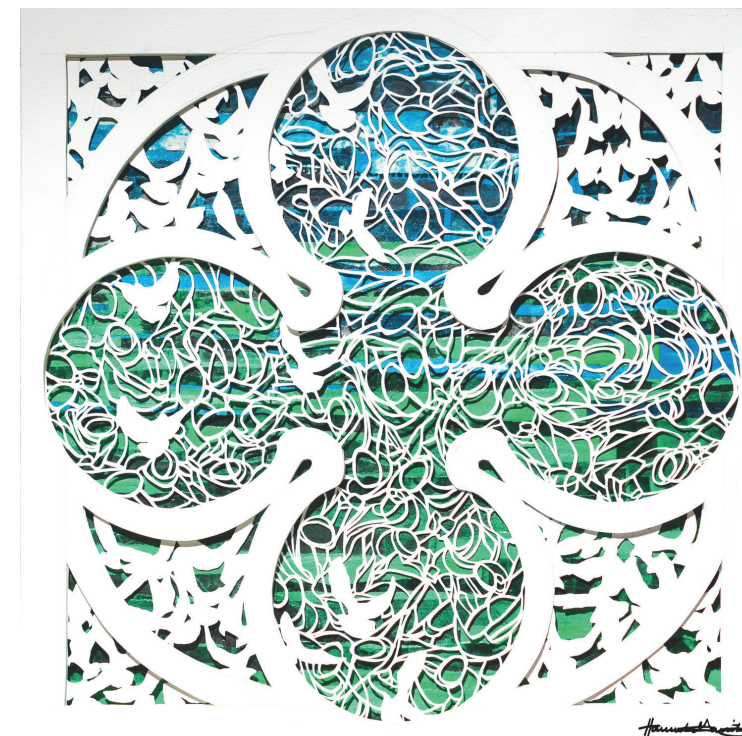
CHARGE AND BLESSING

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

\*POSTLUDE

Alleluia Chorus

HANDEL



#### "MEET ME IN GALILEE" BY HANNAH GARRITY

Here in this artwork, the crowd is celebrating. Figures are dancing and dancing and dancing. Doves fly among the dancers, breaking borders, Holy Spirit. This throng is in the vacant space of the empty cross. Around the dancing figures in Galilee, patterns of doves disperse outward. The good news is alive in the world. Do you remember? The cross is empty, yet full. Overcome. Go and you will find Jesus, free in the world in the faces of strangers and neighbors.

#### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GUEST MUSICIANS:

Jeri Bennet, John Macier, Kevin LaPoint, Ilycia Silver, Logan Maye, Ben Dickson